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AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

This Amendment is being filed in response to the Office Action made final mailed from the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on February 2, 1999 in the above-identified application.

Please amend the claims as follows:

Please cancel Claims 1 and 54-75 without prejudice.

(Twice amended) A nucleotide molecule encoding an enzyme having an amino acid sequence set forth in SEQ ID NO: 2; or an enzymatically active fragment [or homologue] thereof.